

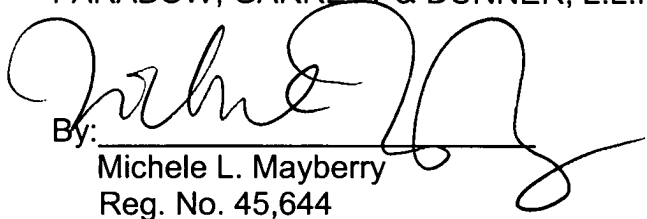
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the election requirement and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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